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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SEO ET AL.

Examiner

JAMES SHELEHEDA

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 51-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 51-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/C2.06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/24/10 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In response to applicant's arguments regarding the first and second size information, as indicated in the rejections below, there is no support within applications' originally filed disclosure for recording first size information and second size information and recording padding data based upon the first and second size information.

Applicant attempts to argue that the second size information could be used to set "a maximum HOB size between menu HOB start and end addresses" which is completely contrary to applicant's own disclosure.

There is no specific disclosure of recording any actual size information. The "actual size of the thumbnail images" could merely later be inferred from the recorded

start and address of the image. Thus, it is unclear how one would set "a maximum HOB size between menu HOB start and end addresses" when the start and end addresses are simply recorded after the fact to mark the start and end of the thumbnail (page 11, lines 2-10 and page 12, lines 19-27 of applicant's specification).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 51-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Independent claims 51, 54, 57, 60 and 63, recite "second size information setting a data size allocated to record the thumbnail picture" which is not supported by applicant's specification as originally filed. There is no specific disclosure within the originally filed specification of second size information whatsoever and no indication of a second size information setting a data size allocated to record thumbnail pictures. Page 11, lines 2-10 and page 12, lines 19-27, of applicant's specification, merely discloses the recording of the start and end addresses of the HOBs (corresponding to menu thumbnail images). While the size of the thumbnails could later be inferred from the

address information, there is absolutely no disclosure of the system recording size information allocating the data size to record the thumbnail image.

Independent claims 51, 54, 57, 60 and 63, recite "padding data is recorded based on the first size information and the second size information" which is not supported by applicant's specification as originally filed.

As indicated above, applicant's originally filed disclosure does not include any support for recording multiple "size" information. Further, the specification does not provide support for performing any action based on any size information whatsoever.

Page 11, lines 2-10 and page 12, lines 19-27, of applicant's specification, merely discloses the recording of the start and end addresses of the HOBs (corresponding to menu thumbnail images). While the size of the thumbnails could later be inferred from the address information, there is absolutely no disclosure of the system calculating this size and then using the size information for any functionality.

The specification merely indicates that null data may be inserted between object units (see Fig. 8, 10 and page 11, lines 2-10, page 12, lines 19-27). There is no specific disclosure of the inclusion of padding data relating to any "size" information.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES SHELEHEDA whose telephone number is

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(571)272-7357. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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